

GOD SEND MY BOY SAFE HOME AGAIN

My Son
I am proud to be the mother of a boy
who is mentally, physically and morally fit
to join our great Army of Liberation in its
fight that the world may be made safe
for Democracy.

You would be unworthy of American
citizenship if you were not willing to give
"the last full measure of devotion" to the land
which gave you birth, for the freedom which
you and yours, for generations have enjoyed
in this land of the free, if you were unwilling
to uphold the principles for which your great
grandfather freely gave his life.

Uphold, as I know you will, the traditions
of American manhood, and be worthy the
uniform you wear.

God send my boy safe home again.

Your devoted
Mother

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Andante moderato

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time, marked 'Andante moderato'. The introduction features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The vocal melody enters in the second system, marked *p* (piano). The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with the piano accompaniment continuing below. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'A brave boy had en-list - ed In an - swer to the call . An The white-haired mother wait - ed With brave and fear-less heart The on - ly child, her on - ly son, A wid - owed moth - ers all The word that came to say her son Had done a he - ro's part. He or - der came, "Be read - y, We sail at break of day" As he leads where oth - ers fal - ter, Nor fails to do or dare, For he

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mf knelt be - side his moth - er. He heard her brave - ly say.
seems to see his moth - er, A - gain he hears her pray'r:

mf *rit.*

CHORUS. *p-f a tempo*

"God send you safe - ly back a - gain to me, Thro' ter - rors of war and

p-f a tempo

dan - gers of sea. I pray that my sac - ri - fice be not in vain,

God send my boy safe home a - gain. ¹ gain. ²

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